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to the Commission**

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Subject: Child poverty and children's rights

The figures on child poverty in Europe are extremely worrying: in 2011, 27.1 % of children under 18 were at risk of poverty or social exclusion.

These figures have only increased: a UNICEF report entitled 'Children of the Recession', which was published in late October 2014, was a reminder that the economic crisis is aggravating the situation. In 23 of the richest countries, child poverty has increased significantly. An additional 1 600 000 children were living in severe material deprivation in 30 European countries in 2012 compared with 2008. In France, the child poverty rate has increased from 15.6 % to 18.6 %, or an increase of 440 000 children.

1. In February 2013, the Commission adopted a recommendation entitled 'Investing in children: breaking the cycle of disadvantage'. Two years later, what conclusions has the Commission reached as regards implementation of the measures recommended in this document?
2. What additional measures does the new Commission intend to take in order to ensure the effective implementation of this recommendation?
3. An integrated and multidimensional approach must be taken to fight child poverty and to promote the wellbeing of children. Does the Commission intend to propose a comprehensive strategy on children's rights in the near future?